



Employees' Retirement System
of the State of Hawaii

ERS Board of Trustees elects new leadership

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The ERS Board of Trustees began the new year by electing new leadership at the Jan. 10 board meeting.



Vince Barfield, a trustee since 2011, is the new board chair. Genevieve Ley, MD, MPH, FACP, who has been a board member since 2018, was elected vice-chair.

“It’s an honor to serve this important organization which has such significant impact on the future retirement security of our members and the financial health of our state,” said Barfield, a retired executive with four decades of experience leading several of Hawaii’s largest fiduciary, lending and banking businesses. He also served 20 years as a U.S. naval officer.

Barfield

Barfield, a Kailua resident, earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business from the University of Hawaii. He completed additional postgraduate education at the Stanford Executive Program, Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington, and the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia.

Barfield's professional and community service includes serving as national board chair of the Association of Military Banks of America, human resource committee chair of the USS Missouri Memorial Association, and board member of East-West Center Foundation, Kaneohe Ranch Management Limited, and Barstow Foundation.



Ley is the branch chief and clinic physician at the Hawaii Department of Health’s Lanakila Health Center Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch, supervising 27 employees on Oahu and coordinating clinical responsibilities with the neighbor island public health nurses.

Ley utilizes her medical knowledge when the board conducts HRS Chapter 91 Proceedings (in consideration of applications for service-connected disability or ordinary disability retirement). She also worked three years in financial services and maintained her interest in investments and financial services.

Ley

“It has been a tremendous honor serving on the board,” said Ley, who grew up in the plantation communities of Poamoho camp and Kunia Village in Central Oahu. “The responsibilities are great because we are protecting the financial health of our government employees who rely on their ERS pension as retirees. The medical ethical motto, ‘Do No Harm,’ applies as the board makes policy and strategic decisions in its management of the ERS.”

Ley said she is “a proud product of Hawaii’s public school system,” attending Helemano Elementary, Wheeler Intermediate, and Mililani High School before leaving to attend Stanford University (Calif.).

The [Board of Trustees](#), the governing body of the ERS, is comprised of eight members, including four elected by the membership: two general employees, a teacher, and a retiree, three appointed by the governor, and the state Director of Finance.